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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

PAKISTAN

(Situation as of 1200 EST)

1. Yesterday the Pakistanis proposed that instead of using US aircraft, thinning out be accomplished by using special Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flights from Dacca to Karachi. The US subsequently accepted the proposal. Pakistani officers in Dacca, however, apparently were not informed and insisted that clearance had been granted for US aircraft, and that if US citizens wanted to use PIA, priority would still have to be given to over 6,000 West Pakistanis already on the waiting list. When informed of the confusion, the foreign ministry promised to contact air force headquarters and straighten the matter out. The most recent report from Dacca indicates that officials there are now aware of the special PIA flights, but claim they have higher priority traffic and will only do their best to fit in thinning out flights somehow.

2. According to the Consul General in Dacca, "it should now be evident to all that we are being given the run-around and that thinning out by PIA will at best be a hard-fought and delayed operation." The Embassy has told the foreign ministry that it is imperative that this matter be straightened out immediately.

3. This morning, a US citizen--head of the Cholera Research Laboratory in Dacca--was robbed at gunpoint in his home by Pakistani soldiers. Later in the day, another American--also employed by the laboratory--was robbed by soldiers while driving in the same area. Although the incidents

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are obviously ones of individual crime, further such incidents could occur easily and in the future might lead to death or injury of Americans.

4. The US Army attache believes that as many of two brigades may have been flown to East Pakistan in the past nine days, raising the total force there to 33,000 men. His estimate does not include troops which may have moved by sea.

5. The infantry division normally at Peshawar--near the Afghan border--has moved out, most likely to reinforce that West Pakistan-India border. According to the Indian military attache, a brigade has moved from Quetta--also near the Afghan border--to replace a brigade recently moved from the Indian border to East Pakistan. Such moves are probably intended both as a warning to India, and to increase Pakistan's ability to counter any Indian pressure designed to block the reinforcement of troops in East Pakistan.

6. There appears to be little or no change in the military situation in East Pakistan.

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